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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
DECEMBER 18, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 18, 2002, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Please cancel claims 1-36 and add claims 37-45.

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